

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A bathroom support bar comprising:  
a bar having a central portion extending along a first direction between a pair of ends, said ends being bent away from said bar central portion; and  
said bar being formed of a hollow thin walled tube material, with said ends being formed integrally with said central portion, and a mounting flange formed integrally with each end and including a plurality of tabs extending radially outwardly from said thin wall at said ends.
2. A support bar as set forth in claim 1, wherein there are at least three of said tabs in each mounting flange.
3. A support bar as set forth in claim 1, wherein a separate cover is disposed at each end to cover said mounting flanges.
4. A support bar as set forth in claim 1, wherein said tube is cylindrical.

5. A bathroom support bar comprising:

a bar having a central portion extending along a first direction between a pair of ends, said ends being bent away from said bar central portion;

said bar being formed of a hollow cylindrical thin walled tube material, with said ends being formed integrally with said central portion, and a mounting flange formed integrally with each end and including a plurality of tabs extending radially outwardly from said thin wall at said ends; and

a separate cover disposed at each of said ends.

6. A support bar as set forth in claim 5, wherein there are at least three of said tabs in each mounting flange.

7. A method of forming a bathroom support bar comprising the steps of:

(1) deforming a piece of tube stock to have ends bent away from a central portion;

(2) slitting said tube stock, and bending tabs from said tube stock radially outwardly between said slits to form tabs for providing a mounting flange at each of said ends; and

(3) placing a cover associated with each of said mounting flange adjacent each of said ends of said bar to cover said mounting flange once mounted to a wall.